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Sent: 3/15/2016 3:19:07 PM
To: Ofrane, Rebecca [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=6b65f35b44874033847d413672c8efb6-Ofrane, Rebecca]
Subject: Re: lead in drinking water team follow-up

Ok great.

PS While I said I think we can bring her in later that doesn't mean I think we should or have to.

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On Mar 15, 2016, at 11:16, Ofrane, Rebecca <Ofrane.Rebecca@epa.gov> wrote:

I'm going to talk to Pat today about a path forward too, so hold off on setting something up for a bit.
And no we don't need Claudia.

From: Ash, Christine
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2016 10:29 AM
To: Ofrane, Rebecca <Ofrane.Rebecca@epa.gov>; Pendse, Sabina <Pendse.Sabina@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: lead in drinking water team follow-up

I just talked to Barbara – she said if we want to pursue this to go ahead and reach out to Doug McKenna.

I can set something up with us, him and his staff.

Do I invite Claudia? I think we can bring her in later.

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From: Ofrane, Rebecca
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2016 12:33 PM
To: Pendse, Sabina <Pendse.Sabina@epa.gov>; Ash, Christine <Ash.Christine@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: lead in drinking water team follow-up

Ok thanks, yea it was mostly Claudia who was confusing me. When she said "or we can coordinate it out of our office", I was like, is she talking about ORA? Does she know I'm in ORA?

From: Pendse, Sabina

Sent: Monday, March 14, 2016 12:30 PM

To: Ash, Christine <Ash.Christine@epa.gov>; Ofrane, Rebecca <Ofrane.Rebecca@epa.gov>

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Yeah, let's talk. BUT Definitely don't wait for any MVD conversation before reaching out to DECA/coordinating on this. I don't really know what Claudia was talking about—and the vibe in the room was basically we are just gonna let her finish bc we are all tired. I don't think this is something that falls specifically under MVD or the retreat planning group, but I think we (ie you or whoever leads this) can use some of the practices of a place-based approach to engage communities with PB in water. Sounds like Dore is already doing that! I don't really think the folks on the phone today (me, heather, fess) are the best people to help with this, but let me know if you think I can help. I will obviously help coordinate with Camden and Newark, and the other focus communities, but don't want you to think I am trying to take this over or anything. It was just an example of an issue that came up at the retreat.

From: Ash, Christine

Sent: Monday, March 14, 2016 11:16 AM

To: Ofrane, Rebecca <Ofrane.Rebecca@epa.gov>; Pendse, Sabina <Pendse.Sabina@epa.gov>

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Yeah let's definitely discuss more. I will coordinate with DECA and follow-up with you both.

FYI - Dore and WCB are talking to Kim Gaddy today to discuss her knowledge of and past concerns/experience with lead in Newark schools. Judith asked us to speak to Kim after hearing from her at the retreat. I will let you know how it goes.

Becky if you want to talk more let me know - I have some time this afternoon and can give you a call.

Thanks,
Christine

From: Ofrane, Rebecca

Sent: Monday, March 14, 2016 10:24 AM

To: Pendse, Sabina; Ash, Christine

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Hey – just wanted to clarify some thoughts on the discussion on the retreat debriefing call. I was actually thinking this weekend after the Newark schools hit the news (and Ithaca a few weeks ago), that I'd like to work more closely with DECA and potentially NJDEP to be more proactive on this, getting resources (even if it's just materials and best practices) out to districts ahead of them finding lead. We're all very much in response/crisis mode, and I understand WCB only has so much capacity, but we'll need to loop in NJDEP as well since they're usually first to respond...

Anyway, this is something I think we should approach even outside of this MVD conversation. I don't know what was discussed at the retreat, so let me know if I should proceed in approaching DECA about this outside of this MVD discussion or as part of it. Either way, they might tell me to stay out of it, but I'd really like to find a way to get ahead of the game.

Thanks,
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